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SRI RAO BAHADUR M. RAMAKRISHNA REDDI:—"In reply to clause (*a*) the Government have stated that appointments were not made from the panel in four instances. May I know the reasons why the appointments were not made from the panel in these four instances?"

THE HON. SRI S. RAMANATHAN:—"The panels are in the nature of recommendations to the Government and appointments in these four instances were made in exercise of the discretion vested in the Government."

SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU:—"Clause (*c*) of the question asks for information as to whether wide protests were received and the answer says that some protests were received. May I know whether the protests were wide?"

THE HON. SRI S. RAMANATHAN:—"The protests merely related to procedure."

SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU:—"The question is with regard to the extent of the protests, whether they were narrow or wide?"

THE HON. SRI S. RAMANATHAN:—"It is a matter of opinion, Sir."

MR. S. J. GONSALVES:—"May I know the reasons why the panel system has been discontinued?"

THE HON. SRI S. RAMANATHAN:—"Because it has been found to be a failure."

Election of a panel for the appointment of Public Prosecutor in Chittoor.

* 73. *Q.*—SRI RAO BAHADUR M. RAMAKRISHNA REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Courts and Prisons be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any information about the election of a panel of four members of the legal profession under Memorandum No. 1338-F-1, Home, dated 15th February 1938, at a meeting held on 31st July 1938 at Chittoor;

(*b*) whether such a meeting was convened at the instance of the District Judge as required by the memorandum quoted above;

(*c*) if not, what action the Government propose to take in the matter;

(*d*) whether the Government are aware of other instances in which the election of a panel was made at meetings not convened by the District Judge; if so, the action taken by the Government in those instances; and

(*e*) the number of Public Prosecutors appointed after the coming into force of the memorandum, the community and political party to which the person so appointed belonged in each case?

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THE HON. SRI S. RAMANATHAN (Minister for Public Information) on behalf of the Hon. Sri K. Raman Menon :—
"(*a*) The Government received a representation from an Advocate of the Chittoor Bar complaining of a resolution stated to have been passed in connexion with the election held on 31st July 1938. The Government have ascertained that no such resolution was passed by the Bar Association.

"(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

"(*c*) No action was considered necessary.

"(*d*) The Government are not aware of any such instances.

"(*e*) Seven Public Prosecutors and five Additional Public Prosecutors have been appointed. Of the Public Prosecutors three are Non-Brahmans, three are Brahmans and one is an Indian Christian. Of the Additional Public Prosecutors, four are Brahmans and one is a Muslim. Two Public Prosecutors are reported to belong to the Congress party. The Government have no information regarding the political leanings of the other persons appointed."

SRI RAO BAHADUR M. RAMAKRISHNA REDDI :—"May I know whether the meeting at Chittoor was convened at the instance of the District Judge?

THE HON. SRI S. RAMANATHAN :—"I have already answered that it was not."

SRI RAO BAHADUR M. RAMAKRISHNA REDDI :—"May I know why the Government have taken into consideration the proposal that was suggested at that meeting?"

THE HON. SRI S. RAMANATHAN :—"It was only a solitary case and the Government did not consider any action necessary."

SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU :—"It was a wrong panel that was submitted to the Government and Government should not have selected from it. In view of it, may I know why the Government did not take any action in the matter?"

THE HON. SRI S. RAMANATHAN :—"The Government had always the discretion to appoint any one they liked."

SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU :—"May I know why the Government have not asked the District Judge to call for a special meeting according to the memorandum?"

THE HON. SRI S. RAMANATHAN :—"It was a solitary case and the Government did not think that any action was called for."